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NORTH WALSHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR
THE YEAR 1937.

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To

The Chairman and Members of the North Walsham Urban District Council.
Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report for the year 1937. The year on the whole was a healthy one. There were six cases of notifiable disease - Scarlet Fever 2. Diphtheria 2. Pneumonia 1 and Erysipelas 1.

The death rate for the year was lower than that for 1936, there being 13 fewer deaths. The average age for all deaths (including infants) was 64 compared with 63.39 in 1936. Excluding infants under one year the figure rises to 71.53 against 69.94 in 1936 and happily the mean expectation of life remains high.

The Birth Rate is 60 as against 48 for 1936. The Population has been estimated at 4237.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Area - 4251 acres.

Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population 1936 - 4237.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1937) according to Rate Book - 1407.
Rateable value and sum represented by Rates - £19517. £76. 0. 0.
The Chief occupation of the inhabitants is agriculture. There is no influence of any particular occupation on Public Health.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the year

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate	58.	29.	29.	Birth Rate per 1000 Estimated Resident Population. 14.1.
	Illegitimate	2.	2.	-	
Stillbirths	Legitimate	2.	1.	1.	
Deaths		56.	27.	29.	Death Rate per 1000 Estimated Resident Population. 13.2.
Deaths from Puerperal causes		Nil.			
Deaths from Puerperal sepsis.		Nil.			
Deaths from other Puerperal causes		Nil.			

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age - Total number 5.

All infants per 1000 Live Births - 85.3.

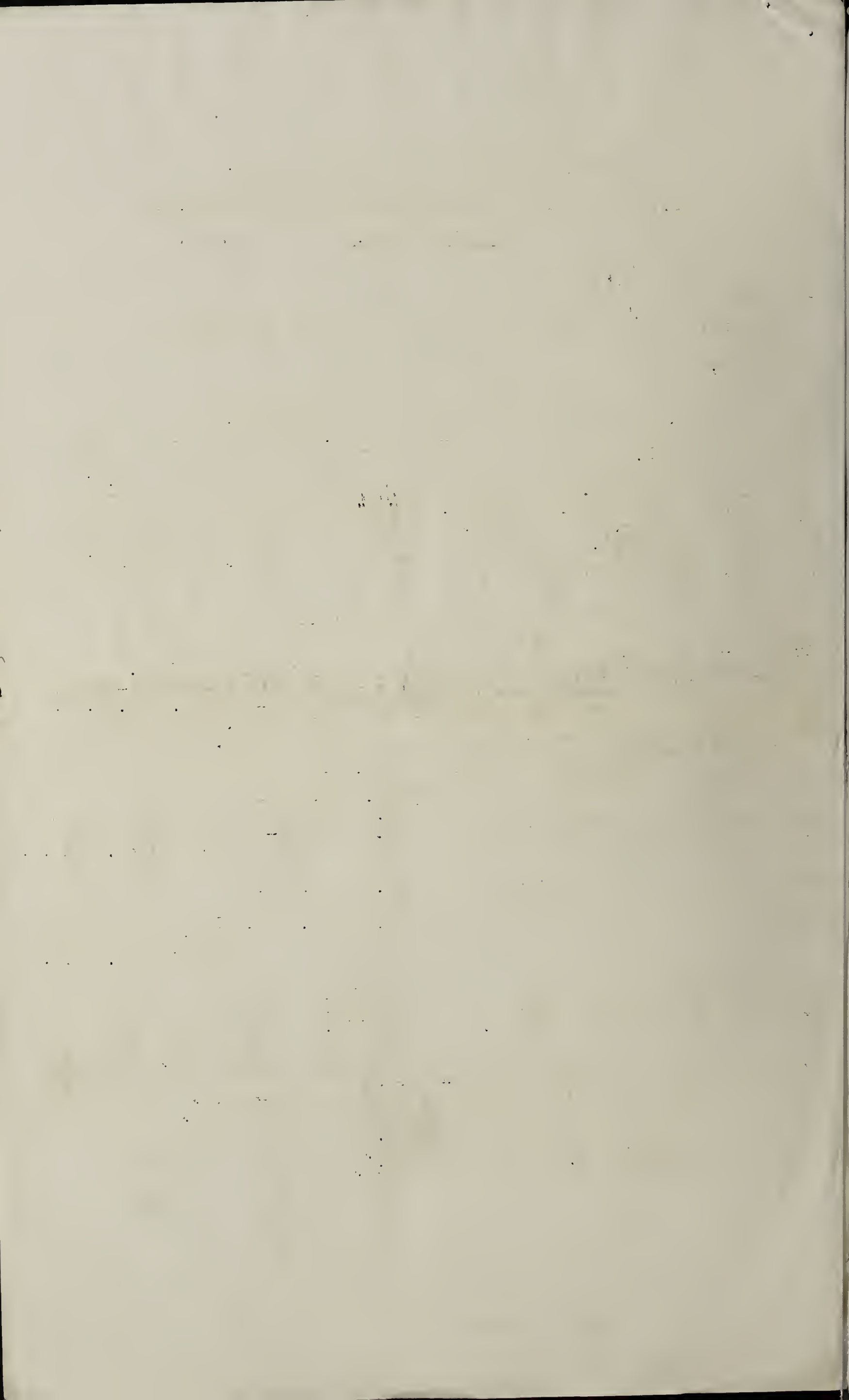
Legitimate Infants per 1000 Legitimate Live Births - 86.2.

Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Illegitimate Live Births Nil.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) Nil.



GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. Henry Morrison M.A.M.D.
Sanitary Inspector. Mr. F. Morris M.Inst.M & Cy E. Certificate R.S.I.
M.R.San.I. M.S.I.A. Special Certificate R.S.I. Sanitary Science
applied to buildings etc., who holds the Office of Surveyor, Waterworks
Engineer, Petroleum Officer and General Superintendent.

A Queen's Nurse is provided by our Local District Nursing Association.
The second Nurse who in 1933 worked on a half time basis retired in
Nov. 1936. Her place was taken by a full time Nurse whose duties
extend to the Parishes of Strifield and Dr. Off. 11; these Parishes have
joined the Local District Nursing Association.

- (a) There is no change with regard to Laboratory facilities.
- (b) No Local Acts, Special Orders, General Adoption Acts and By-
laws came into force in the district during the year.
- (c) There has been no change in the Hospital services used by the
inhabitants of the area during the year.
- (d) There has been no change in the arrangements for Ambulance
Facilities for Ordinary cases. For cases of Infectious Diseases
the Cromer Urban District Council's Infectious Diseases
Ambulance is now used.
- (e) No new Clinics or Treatment Centres have been provided during
the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER During the year 1937 the watermain extensions were
carried out on Recreation Road and Burton Avenue in
connection with the Millfield Road Housing Estate.

- (ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE The Main Drainage continues satisfactory

- . RIVERS AND STREAMS No Special Action

- . (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION During the year 62 water closets were
provided. The number and nature of closets remaining at the
end of the year were :-

Water Closets	1224.
Pail Closets	219.
Privies (Houses)	13.
ASH PITS	5.

- (ii) PUBLIC CLEANLINESS

- (a) Dry Refuse is collected by a horse-drawn covered van with
three men
- (b) Pail Closets are emptied at night by a horse-drawn slow
cart with two men
- (c) Dry house refuse is disposed of on a piece of low land on
the controlled tipping system.
- (d) Night Soil is trampled in and covered daily.
- (e) Cesspools are not emptied by the Council. The few in the
district are emptied privately on fields.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

(a) Number and Nature of inspections.

Bakchouses	15.
Cowsheds etc.,	27.
Slaughterhouses	32.
Common Lodging houses	3.
Factories etc.,	4.
In connection with	
Infectious Diseases	4.
re Sanitation & Closets	
and miscellaneous	65.
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(b) Notices - No Statutory Notices are served, all action being successful without recourse to proceedings.

Special Action - No Special Action

Special Premises and occupations

Slaughterhouses	7.
Common Lodging houses	1.
Cowsheds dairies etc.,	13.

No Special Action was necessary during the year

FOOD (a) Farm Premises, Dairies and Cowsheds were inspected with a view to securing up to date methods and cleanliness. In one case new cowsheds were built and dairy modernised and a compl to new steam sterilizing plant was installed.

(b) Inspections were made of shops slaughterhouses and other places where food is prepared and carcasses inspected as far as possible.

HOUSING During the year a Ministry of Health Inquiry was held into the Council's Fourth year's slum clearance proposal and 38 new houses were started for re-housing tenants displaced under the slum Clearance proposals 30 being on the Millfield Road Estate and 8 at White Horse Common.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

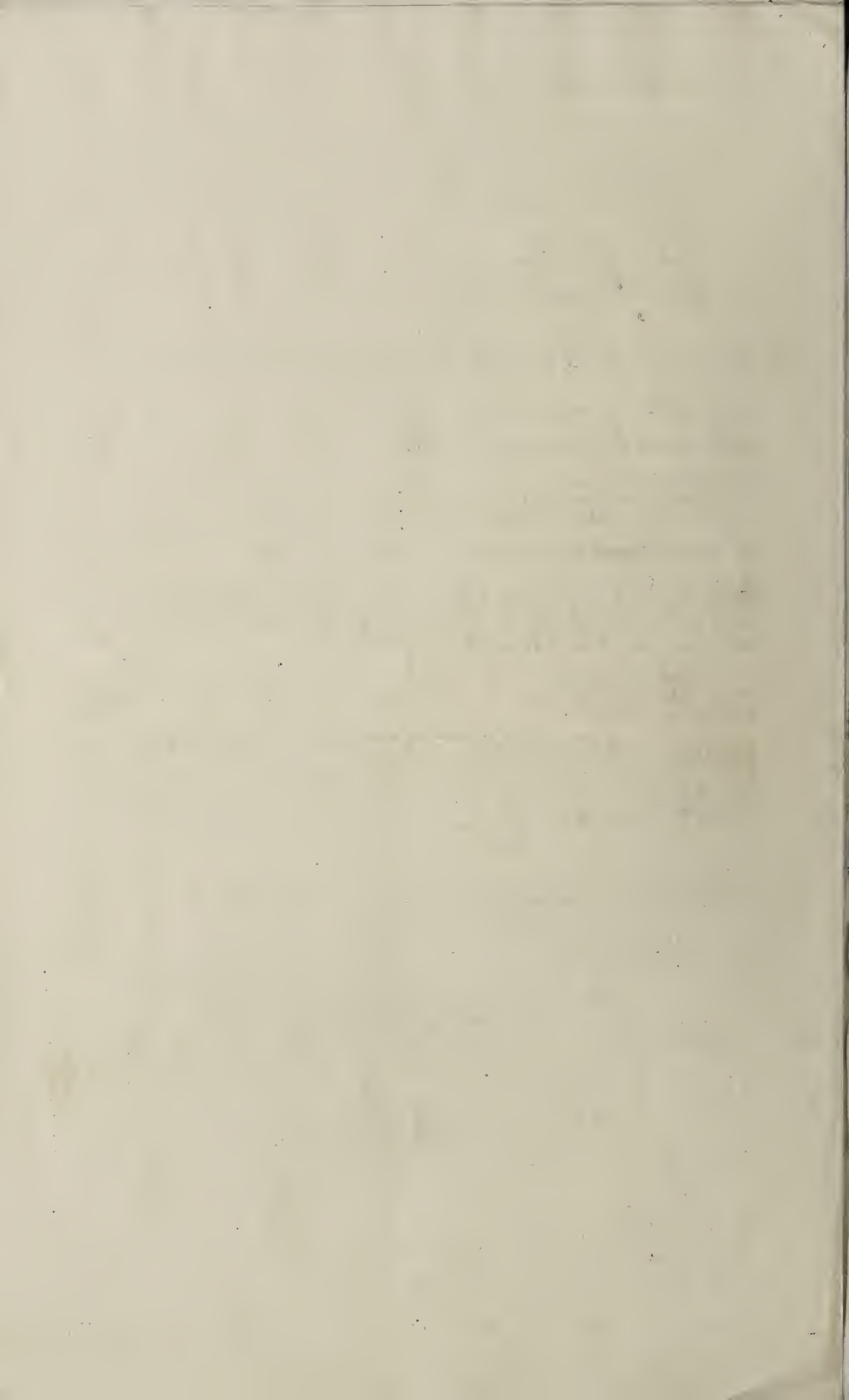
- (1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 52.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 116.
- (2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 2.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 31.
- (3) (a) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1.
- (4) No of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 4.

2. Remedy of defects during year without service of formal notices

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or Officers.

3. Action under Statutory powers during the year.

- (a) Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 & 23 of the Housing Act 1936.
- (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which proceedings were taken 111.



- (2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices.
- (a) By owners Nil.
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.
- (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-
- (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. Nil.
 - (2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice Nil.
 - (a) By owners Nil.
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.
- (c) Proceedings under sections 19 & 21 of the Housing Act 1930.
- (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil.
 - (2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil.
- (d) Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act 1930.
- (1) Number of separate Tenements or under-ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil.
 - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit. Nil.
- (3) Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act 1925
- (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices became operative requiring repairs. Nil.
 - (2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service for formal notices
 - (a) By Owners Nil.
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil. - (3) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of Declarations by owners of intention to close 4.
- (f) Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 & 15 of the Housing Act 1925
- (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwellinghouse having been rendered fit Nil.
 - (2) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative Nil.
 - (3) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders became operative Nil.
 - (4) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

1. No Special Action has been taken under this head during the year
2. There were Six cases of notifiable Disease during the year
3.
 - (a) Cancer - No Special Action taken
 - (b) Prevention of Blindness - No Special Action taken
 - (c) Tuberculosis - No Special Action taken.

TUBERCULOSIS

TUBERCULOSIS - Table of New Cases and Mortality during 1937

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	1.	-	-	-	-	-
45.	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.	1.	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-

I am Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY MORRISON.

Medical Officer of Health.

